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TO: TPB Technical Committee

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SUBJECT: Update on the Development of the Final Report of the TPB Bus On Shoulders (BOS) Task Force

DATE: June 21, 2013

At the July 18, 2012 meeting of the Transportation Planning Board (TPB), it was requested that a task force be established to identify promising locations in the region to operate buses on the shoulders of highways. The proposed membership of the BOS Task Force and its work plan and schedule were approved at the September 19, 2012 TPB meeting. The task force held meetings in October 2012 and January 2013.

Third Task Force Meeting – April 17

The BOS Task Force met for a third time on April 17, prior to the TPB meeting that day, to discuss the potential for implementation of BOS service on select corridors in the region. The agenda included:

- An update on VDOT's I-66 Inside the Beltway Pilot Project and steps to implementation.
- Additional information from Maryland SHA on the feasibility of BOS on the I-270 and MD-5/US-301 corridors.
- An overview of a planning-level BOS benefit-cost analysis model, with preliminary findings and sensitivity analysis results.

Following the meeting, minutes of the meeting were prepared and a draft technical memorandum summarizing the findings for the three select corridors was circulated for comment. Several participating agencies provided substantial comments, which are being incorporated into the final technical memorandum.

Preparation of Final Report

A draft final report summarizing the presentations and discussion at the three task force meetings and the information contained in the three technical memoranda is being prepared and will be sent out to the task force in early July. Members of the task force would have until the end of August to review the draft report and provide comments.

Members will be asked if the draft report sufficiently addresses the work of the task force or if further discussion of the findings is needed. An additional task force meeting may be needed to finalize the report. Such a meeting would likely be scheduled prior to the September 18 TPB meeting. The final report of the task force would then be prepared for presentation to the TPB at its October 16 meeting.

All materials of the BOS Task Force are available online at: <http://www.mwcog.org/bostf>

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